

Beer Sanction Hoax, Explains Liberal Mayor

Johnstown, Pa., Official Says
He Just Wanted to Attract
Federal Attention to City's
Conditions, and Succeeded

Dry Chief Is Ousted

Town Bars Swamped by Rush
of Real Brew Seekers;
Now Only Water on Tap

Special Dispatch to The Tribune
JOHNSTOWN, Pa., Aug. 19.—"I got
action from the Federal prohibition
men. That was what I wanted. The
brewers fell for the hoax. I am per-
fectly satisfied."

Thus Mayor Cauffield, Mayor of
Johnstown, expressed his view of the
agitation that followed his permission
to the saloons yesterday to sell real
beer over their bars.
"It was the only way to get action,"
the Mayor continued. "Early in the
week I called for 100 volunteer soldiers
to aid me in closing the saloons in
the city. Two responded. One was
a man from Altoona, the other was a
brother-in-law of a saloon keeper. The
last named I swore in on Wednesday
and have not seen him since."

"Efforts to close the saloons through
police power were not very success-
ful, so I decided that something drastic
was necessary. Next week there
will be a thousand men in Johnstown
attending the convention of the P. O.
U. of A. and with the trash that they
were selling in the saloons here one
third of them would go home poisoned.
Yes, I got action."

Rush for the Bars
When the saloons opened this morn-
ing there was a rush for the bars.
Everywhere men demanded "some of
Camfield's beer." And the real stuff
was, in most cases, forthcoming. It
simply flowed and flowed. Cash regis-
ters were piled with a tune unheard for
many months. The news was every-
where. Then telegrams began to pour
into the city wanting to know if it
were really true. The Mayor was
swamped with requests for photographs,
interviews and what not.

At noon State Prohibition Director
John T. Davis arrived from Philadel-
phia. Within two hours he had re-
ceived Enforcement Officer O. F.
Sprague, placed in charge of the
saloon and saloon. Concerning the
Mayor's action he said nothing. The
Mayor declared that he had not been
in communication with Mr. Davis
previous to his coming here.
When questioned as to the Mayor's
statement that the water supply was
cut for public consumption, City
interlocutor William H. Oppy stated
that although the water in the several
reservoirs was unusually low, the
supply was in perfect condition, and
was tested regularly to guard
against any possible contagion. When
asked for a statement, the Mayor

replied:
"Had to have some peg to hang the
hoax on," he remarked.

Not Pleased With Job
While enforcement officer Sprague
said that he will fulfill his oath in
closing the dry laws, he is apparent-
ly not pleased with his new assignment.
Asked what immediate steps he con-
templated, he declared that he did not
know enough of the place to make any
plans.

To-night Mayor Cauffield was noti-
fied informally that before his joke
had been interpreted officers of the
Anti-Saloon League in Washington had
communicated with Governor Spraul
in Harrisburg in an effort to start im-
peachment proceedings against the
Mayor. The Governor informed them,
it is said, that the proper method
would be to take the matter up with
District Attorney D. P. Weisner of
Cambria County. Before the officer
reached the District Attorney, however,
the bubble burst. To-night nothing
but near beer, pop and amber water
was on tap.

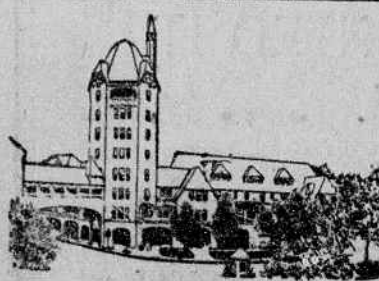
Banker Yields Nickel
To Show His Gratitude

Man Who Returns Lost Wallet
With \$293 Receives Price of
Phone Call Without Question

Oscar Herdman, of 37 Leggett Ave-
nue, Woodhaven, Queens, recently
found a wallet containing \$293.38 and
some documents that seemed to be of
value. The wallet was on the platform
at the B. R. T. station near Mr. Herd-
man's home and he picked it up.

It was inscribed with the name of a
large bank in Brooklyn and Mr. Herd-
man telephoned to the institution. He
was requested to bring the wallet to
the bank, a messenger for the institu-
tion having just reported its loss.

An official of the bank received the
wallet, thanked Mr. Herdman and then
offered to pay his carfare. Mr. Herd-
man replied that he was out not only
the 10 cents in carfare for his trip to
the bank and back, but 5 cents which
he had paid for the telephone call.
Without questioning this item, al-
though for all the bank official knew,
Mr. Herdman might have telephoned
from his own house, the grateful
banker handed Mr. Herdman 15 cents
and bade him good-day.



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Wife Gone 5 Years, Asks Freedom Under New Act

White Plains Man First in West-
chester to Test the Re-
cent Law

Robert McConkey, of White Plains,
is the first resident of Westchester
County to take advantage in its courts
of the recent act authorizing suit to
dissolve a marriage if one of the par-
ties has been absent without excuse for
five years.

Mrs. McConkey has been away since
July 16, 1912, he says, five days after
their marriage and ten days after he
first met her. He said in applying for
dissolution of the marriage in the Su-
preme Court, White Plains, that he
hadn't heard from her since, and the
implication was that he hoped he
wouldn't.

She left him, he said, after he had
told her with information he had just
obtained that she had been in a re-
formatory for shooting at a man's wife.
Before departing, said Mr. McConkey,
she admitted the truth of the accusa-
tion, took a shot at him and set fire to
the house.

Dog Finds Man Dead in Bog

The body of an unidentified man,
about fifty years old, was found in a
swamp between Kingsley Avenue and
Harrison Street, Prince's Bay, S. I.,
yesterday afternoon, when the bark-
ing of her dog led Mrs. Ethel Webb,
of 121 Kingsley Avenue, to the spot.

The head was completely severed
from the body. Dr. W. H. Hetsel, ac-
tial county medical examiner, said the
man had been dead five or six months,
and that the decapitation might have
happened long after death. He will
perform an autopsy this morning, but
his opinion was that the man had been
unable to get out of the lonely bog
and had died without being able to at-
tract attention.

No one has been reported missing on
Staten Island, and the body is thought
to be that of a stranger. The man
was five feet six inches in height,
weighed 140 pounds, and wore a
hunter's corduroy coat, brown trousers
and overalls shoes.

Briton Is Deported Again

James Carlton, an Englishman, who
was deported from this country in
1914, was sent back to England yester-
day on the steamship George Wash-
ington by order of the immigration
officials. It is charged that he repre-
sented himself in various cities to be
wealthy and of noble blood, and that
after his deportation in 1914 he re-
turned to this country and gained ad-
mission under the name of William
Willson.

Recently, while in Montreal, he mar-
ried a young actress of Philadelphia.
On his departure he protested that he
had not received a square deal, as the
immigration officials had declined to
grant him an appeal and refused to
let him say goodbye to his wife.

Suspect in Big Bank Swindle Plot Captured

Man Believed Implicated
in Attempt to Defraud
Clarke Bros. Trapped in
Similar Case in Jersey

Used Boy as a Dupe

Brokers Send Dummy
Package and Trail Mes-
senger to Meeting Place

Harry Monett, believed by the police
to be the man who tried to get away
with \$30,000 in cash and Liberty bonds
from Clarke Brothers, bankers, in New
York recently, through forging a check
and sending a boy after the proceeds,
was arrested in Newark yesterday. He
had, the police allege, forged the name
of Louis Bamberger, the Newark de-
partment store proprietor, to a check
for \$15,000. The check was presented
at the Newark office of Post & Flagg,
but the brokers gave the boy a dummy
package, had him followed to his meet-
ing place with the alleged forger, and
the man was caught.

Mr. Bamberger told the police that
about three weeks ago some one tele-
phoned to him for the name of a
reliable bank. He suggested the Na-
tional Newark and Essex Banking
Company, at Broad and Clinton streets,
Newark. A couple of days later came
a letter with the same request, which
Mr. Bamberger answered over his sig-
nature.

Last Wednesday a stranger appeared
at the Post & Flagg office with a cer-
tified check on the Newark and Essex
bank signed by Mr. Bamberger. He
inquired about stocks, and especially
about United States Steel.

Sent Boy for Money

On Friday the stranger telephoned
to Post & Flagg, saying he was leaving
hastily for Havana, hoping to arrive
there before his father died, and asked
the bankers for \$500 in cash and \$14,
500 in Liberty bonds. They asked him
to call, but he did not show up. Then
yesterday the stranger telephoned
again, saying he was packing for his
voyage to Cuba and would send a boy
with a check.

These preliminaries aroused the sus-
picions of the bankers and they tele-
phoned to Mr. Bamberger. Upon as-
surance that the check was a forgery
Post & Flagg marshaled six detectives

and awaited the messenger with an
imitation package of bonds and cash.
Monett, the detectives say, wearing
a patch over one eye, was not fifty feet
from Post & Flagg's doorway when the
messenger gave him the package. After
the arrest Monett said the boy had
nothing whatever to do with the mat-
ter, the police say, as he was simply a
hired messenger. The patch was to
make sure the boy would recognize
him, the police say Monett explained.
The boy was not held.

Fingerprints Sent to New York

Monett's fingerprints were taken and
sent to New York, where three similar
cases have been reported since the
middle of July. In one case the forger
got \$1,950 in Liberty bonds and \$18 in
cash.

Early in August Hartshorne & Bat-
telle, 35 Broad Street, gave another boy
\$3,000 in Liberty bonds in exchange
for a forged check, but had the boy
trailed. He met another youth, this
one decorated with an eye patch, to
whom he gave the bonds. Upon their
arrest the boys could give no account
of the man who hired them, saying he
was a stranger who wanted an errand
done.

In the case of Zimmermann & For-
shay, the check purported to have been
signed by Charles W. Sloane and was
on the Lawyers Title and Trust Com-

pany. The Hartshorne & Battelle check
bore the name of Bertram N. Borden
and was on the Bank of Manhattan.
The forged Gair check was on the Law-
yers Title and Trust Company.
Monett gave his age as thirty-five
and his address as 438 Gold Street,
Brooklyn.

Poured Water on Wife

Woman Ill With Pneumonia,
Husband Held Without Bail

Chester Blaskiewicz, of 12 Blanco
Place, Dunton, Queens, was held with-
out bail by Magistrate Miller, in the
Jamaica police court yesterday, charged
with pouring hot water over his wife
last Monday afternoon as she lay in
bed. The woman now is in the hospi-
tal ill with pneumonia. She is not
expected to live.

Mrs. Blaskiewicz was taken to the
hospital Monday night following her
drenching, but she left the next day
when her husband called, saying he
had an automobile to take her home.
There was none and she walked more
than a mile. She was removed to the
hospital again after neighbors noti-
fied the police. Their three children
have been turned over to the Children's
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